



Yellow Springs Community Children's Center

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**5-STAR
AWARD
WINNER!**



Letter from Executive Director- Malissa Doster

When I started here 4 years ago, I had such a bright vision of how impactful I could make YSCCC for our families and the community. Through dedication, It has truly become my home away from home. Fiscal year 2020-2021 was challenging to say the least. The world was presented with the devastating effects of Covid 19 that resulted in school closures and staff furloughs.

Covid re-opening in June 2020 was successful. We made it a whole year with ZERO cases. After sifting through the uncertainties of what the year would present to us financially due to lack of enrollment , we received a total of (\$23,000) in grants from a variety of sources that played a huge role in supporting the purchase of PPE products to continue our rigorous cleaning schedule, retaining and providing professional development for our amazing teachers, building a strong financial structure, providing hot and nutritious meals for our students, continuing to implement enrichment programs like Soccer Shots and finally obtaining funds for an air conditioner and air purifier install- it was a game changer for our facility.

The pandemic has proven to cause HUGE setbacks (socially and emotionally) in our children and we also have seen how it has affected adults as well. As a team we understood how much love and patience we had to instill in our kiddos. This particular piece (social/emotional growth) has continued to be an important daily focus for our school family and teachers.

Fast forward to Summer 2021, our school age summer camp program was a HUGE SUCCESS. We brought in over (\$15,000) in tuition and despite some of our bussing troubles and pandemic worries, we safely went on fantastic trips to Kettering Recreational Park, Columbus Zoo, Get Air, House of Ravenwood to study stones, a variety of local parks and took bikes rides on the path. What a rewarding year!

Future projects that have my focus this current fiscal year is #1 Figuring out how to continue to navigate throughout this pandemic. It's scary and frustrating and we are all trying to figure out best practices while ensuring we put education and safety first. #2 Playground upgrades! We'd love new equipment on our large preschool playground and toddler playground and we have started the process of creating a new infant playground. #3: We are also excited to do a total technology upgrade throughout the whole building so that our children and staff have access to a variety educational opportunity and lastly, we are working on some pretty cool community projects that will help enhance our relationship with our neighbors and provide opportunities for

collaboration. I look forward to sharing all this progress with you all!



Achievements:

- Additional Preschool classroom added.
- Retained staff through pandemic shut down
- Increased training & ECE related certifications
- Facility improvements- HVAC installation

- Successful Summer Camp program

Who we serve:

45 families

79 children



Financial

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Leadership — YSCCC Board members and committees



YSCCC Staff members





Our Vision and

Goals:

Be the regional model for Conscious Discipline

Resume full enrollment when pandemic risk drops

Update preschool & toddler playgrounds

Begin construction on infant playground

Fence painting project for community collaboration



Upgrade lighting in entire facility

